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Environment Committee
Room 3200, Legislative Office Building
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Re: **SUPPORT** of **HB 5836**, AAC the availability of funding for the vaccination, sterilization, and heartworm testing of dogs and cats owned by low income persons or adopted from municipal or regional shelters

Dear Co-Chair Meyer, Co-Chair Gentile, and Honorable Members of the Environment Committee,

On behalf of the Connecticut supporters of The Humane Society of the United States, I submit this letter in **SUPPORT** of **HB 5836**, which would make more funds from the Animal Population Control Program (APCP) accessible to low-income persons, as well as providing for the allocation of funds to assist animal control officers with the sterilization and vaccination of feral cats, allowing municipalities to better address feral cat issues in their communities.

Spay/neuter is a proven way to reduce pet overpopulation, and reduces the numbers of animals killed in shelters, currently estimated at 3-4 million annually (nationally).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

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